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STUDENT SENATE

Just not enough

Failure to meet quorum likely first in more than 10 years

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate's failure to meet quorum Wednesday is most likely the first time such an event has happened at a senate meeting in more than 10 years.

The Council on University Planning and Budget failed to meet a quorum at last week's meeting. The Council on Academic Affairs did not meet quorum Thursday and the Apportionment Board last failed to meet quorum in February 1999.

There is no record of the Student Senate missing quorum within the last

decade.

Only 15 senate members attended the meeting, which means one more attendee was needed to make a majority out of 30 senate members.

Ceci Brinker, director of student life, said she has been advising the senate for more than three years and said she can't recall when the senate has failed to meet quorum.

"It is a very unique and rare occasion," Brinker said. "But there doesn't seem to be a pattern or track record there."

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What is a quorum?

quorum (kwor'um, kwor'em)/n. The number of members of any deliberative or corporate body that is necessary for the legal transaction of business, usu., a majority.

Student Senate

total voting members: 30
members needed for quorum: 16

Council on Academic Affairs

total voting members: 14
members needed for quorum: 8

Council on Planning and Budget

total voting members: 36
members needed for quorum: 20

No house, no problem for new sorority

By Chris Kee
STAFF WRITER

A new sorority could be coming to Eastern and while the group may find a home on campus, the question remains whether there will be housing available for its members at the Greek Court.

"There are no imminent plans for new construction," said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services at Eastern.

"The buildings at the Greek Court cost the school about \$4 million a piece to build," Hudson said. "But constructing a new building is a possibility down the road."

Hudson said greek units and residence halls cost more than a traditional house to build because of sprinkler systems, centralized fire alarms, the cost to bring extra utilities to the location and various other reasons.

"We would help provide an area so that all the new sorority members could at least live near each other," Hudson said.

Laura Ford, volunteer enrichment coordinator for Delta Delta Delta, one of the new sorority candidates, said the opportunity to establish a Delta Delta Delta chapter at Eastern is exciting and says the lack of a sorority house should not hinder recruiting.

"We would look at building at the Greek Court with the university's permission and help," Ford said. "But in the meantime we would use a campus lounge that could be used for meetings until housing is established."

Construction of a new building, however, may not be necessary for a sorority or fraternity to have a place for its members to live, Hudson said. Sororities and fraternities must maintain their contracts to have a residence at the Greek Court.

"A group may just decide to leave or they may fail to meet their contract numbers," Hudson said. "A minimum of 28 members living at the Greek Court residence is needed for a group to meet their contract requirement, or they may be forced to move out."

Even without an official sorority house, the group should not have problems gaining new members, Hudson said.

"You can't underestimate the appeal of starting up a new group," Hudson said. "Everyone is on an even keel."

"There's just something about being on the ground floor and starting a new organization," he said.

The Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Xi Delta and Gamma Phi Beta sororities have been chosen as finalists for the expansion project at Eastern. Each sorority will give a presentation in April at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to outline programs and services their sororities offer to potential recruits.

Following all the presentations, a committee of Eastern faculty, staff and student leaders will make a final decision on the new sorority, said Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life.

Delta Delta Delta will be the first to give a presentation April 7.

"We're honored to be one of the finalists," Ford said. "We're a forward-thinking women's organization and view Eastern to be a growing and dynamic campus."

One Eastern sorority member views the addition of a new group as being positive for Eastern as well as for greek organizations.

"We all want this new sorority," said Andrea Stankovych, a sophomore speech communications major and Alpha Phi member. "It will bring more competition into the greek system."

"Competition will help bring more pride to the individual houses," Stankovych said. "It will make our greek system bigger as well as better."

Another Eastern sorority member stressed quality over quantity, but welcomes the addition of a new sorority.

"We need a (greek chapter) that would be compatible with all the others in the greek community," said Tiffany Swiderek, a junior communications studies major and Sigma Kappa member.

The Alpha Xi Delta sorority will make its presentation at the Union Wednesday, April 14, and the Gamma Phi Beta sorority presentation has not been scheduled yet.

Dudolski said he hopes a decision can be made before this summer.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Smoothing it out

Jim Cravens, of the Masonry Department, smoothes out concrete for a wheelchair ramp between the Union and the Power plant Thursday afternoon.

GREEK WEEK

BACK TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Eastern students spend Greek Fun Day with children

By Scott Butler
STAFF WRITER

The hallways are smaller and are filled with book bags that hang from shelves. Crafts and pictures hang on the walls and hall passes are needed to go from a classroom to the gym.

The gym is filled with energy, laughter and fun. But the Eastern students here aren't waiting for a speaker, a concert or even an Ohio Valley Conference win; they are waiting for their turn to play kick ball at Jefferson Elementary School.

Greek Fun Day allows both students from Eastern and Jefferson to interact through games and crafts, said Robert Dudolski, director of Greek Life. Greek students also teach the Jefferson students about commu-

nity service and giving back to the community. Nancy Gorman, a fifth grade teacher at Jefferson, said the children participate in games and crafts.

"The children are making coloring books and magnets that will be donated to Sarah Bush," Gorman said.

"We get to play with kids and show them a good time for the day."

— Dan Taylor,
Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity member

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Friday
April 2, 2004

Today
Sunny



57° HIGH 35° LOW

Saturday
Sunny



58° HIGH 39° LOW

Sunday
Partly cloudy



57° HIGH 28° LOW

Monday
Partly cloudy



56° HIGH 38° LOW

Tuesday
Partly cloudy



61° HIGH 41° LOW

Wednesday
Few showers

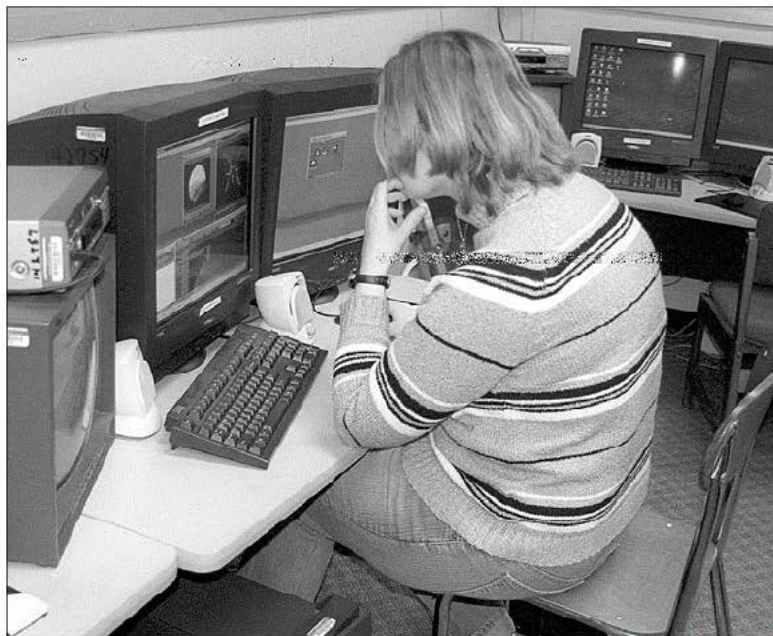


57° HIGH 43° LOW

Thursday
Few showers



59° HIGH 42° LOW



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY JOSH REELEY

Movie making

Marie Field, a senior speech communication major, edits a mini-DVD for her film techniques class Thursday afternoon in the Coleman Hall computer lab. The lab also has VHS editing equipment and students can rent digital cameras as well.

Dancers swarm to Union

◆ New dance group to perform in Grand Ballroom Saturday

By Courtney Jenkins
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's new coed dance group, "Rhythm & X-tacy," will have its first performance 7 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The group started in the summer of 2003 and is now a Recognized Student Organization.

"There was already a female dance group on campus so we wanted to start a coed group" said Monty Buckley, president of Rhythm & X-tacy.

The group currently has seven members, but is looking for new dancers.

"After the first performance on Saturday, we will be having tryouts for people who want to join," Buckley said.

Anyone interested in dance is welcome to join the group. No past experience is necessary.

"We accept various forms of dance," said Roger Driver, one of the coordinators of public relations for the group. "We are not biased."

The Saturday event will have dance groups from other schools competing for a monetary prize.

Some of the groups attending are University of Illinois' "House Arrest 2" and "Dance 2x2," Southern Illinois University's "Kwint Storm" and "Panic" from Northern Illinois University.

"There are going to be styles of dancing from Chicago and St. Louis," Driver said.

Irfay Watts, a senior sociology major, plans on attending the event.

"I am excited to see the many talented dance groups that will be performing," Watts said.

"People can expect not just one style of dance," Driver said.

"There are going to be various kinds of dance such as ballet and street," he said.

The price is \$5, which includes admission to the Union party after the event.

"Expect a blast from the past and a look into the future," Buckley said.

This weekend's activities

FRIDAY

◆ The Graphic Design Association is having a professionally judged graphic design show from 3 p.m. at Podesta Gallery in the Burt Ives Studio. The show is titled "Push Your Pleasure." The show gives the Graphic Design Association an opportunity to show the rest of the student body and the public some of the best design pieces that have been done this year from all levels of designers. Refreshments will be served at the event.

◆ The American Red Cross will be sponsoring blood drives from 12:5 p.m. at Windsor High School and from 12:4 p.m. in Thomas Hall. Tracy Torbeck from the American Red Cross said this region continues its strong blood and platelet supply, but the blood product only has a shelf life of five days, underscoring the need for regular platelet donors.

◆ The semi-finals for the tugs tournament for Greek Week start at 4 p.m. at the Campus Pond. The tournament includes big men, little men and women.

SATURDAY

◆ Eastern has a new coed dance group, Rhythm & X-tacy. The group's first performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The group started last summer and is now a Recognized Student Organization. "Rhythm & X-tacy" currently has seven dancers and is looking for new members. Saturday's performance will feature Eastern's new group competing against other schools in the Midwest area. The cost is \$5, which includes admission and a party at the Union afterward.

◆ The final tugs round takes place at 2 p.m. at the Campus Pond. Two teams from each weight class will battle it out for tugs champions of Greek Week 2004.

SUNDAY

◆ The American Red Cross will have another blood drive from 1 p.m. at the Christian Campus House.

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Unexcused student absences cancel meeting

By Jennifer Per nym
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs is the third governmental body in the past week to cancel a meeting because it did not have a quorum.

The Council on Academic Affairs met for 10 minutes and the meeting was canceled because of three absent student voting members.

The Council on Academic Affairs has 14 voting members and eight must be present to have a quorum. "Council members Pat Fowell and Julie Dietz planned on being absent and e-mailed me due to personal reasons," said Andrew Methven, Council on Academic Affairs chair. "But our three student voting members were not in attendance."

Student member Amanda Sartore said she was not able to attend the meeting because she was in another meeting that went longer than expected. Student member Jeff Collier said he could not attend the meeting because of a foot in jury.

Also not present at the meeting was student member Kyle Donash, who said he is on a leave of absence from the Student Senate and his responsibilities expected to it, including Thursday's council meeting. He was attending a Greek Week event in absence of the meeting.

"All of our faculty voting members were present, but with only seven voting members, we did not have a quorum," Methven said.

"This is the first time this year where CAA was canceled because of not meeting quorum," said

Council Member Annette Samuels. "We usually have good attendance at our meetings and something like this to occur is very rare."

"It is the end of the semester and there are a lot of pressures and activities at Eastern and it makes it harder to prioritize," said Blair Lord, the vice president for academic affairs.

Last Friday, the Council on University Planning and Budget meeting was cut short after Council Member Allen Lanham left to attend another meeting in Springfield, causing the meeting to end without a quorum. The Council on University Planning and Budget is comprised of 38 voting members, which means a minimum number of 19 voting members is needed for a quorum.

In a similar case this week, the Student Senate meeting ended after 15 members failed to attend. President Lou Hencken was scheduled to make a tuition presentation during the senate meeting. Out of 30 senate members, 16 are needed to have a quorum.

Methven said he will submit agenda items on the Council on Academic Affairs' Web site for council members to vote on. The agenda items include a revised title for the Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Degree, a revision to the policy on intercollegiate activities and health and physical education program reviews.

The Council on Academic Affairs will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

Audit suggests Eastern improve

♦ *Auditor General's report encourages changing bidding process*

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

An audit released by the Illinois Auditor General's office said Eastern can improve in several areas but administrators don't agree with all the recommendations.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said the audit recommended Eastern's current computer disaster recovery plan and bidding process be changed, but Cooley said they are fine the way they are.

Illinois Auditor General William G. Holland's office released the financial and compliance audit Tuesday which said "the university's disaster recovery plan does not include any provisions for testing the disaster recovery plan nor for training personnel about systems recovery procedures," and said Eastern has not conducted any formal tests of the recovery plan.

The audit also said Eastern improperly filed emergency purchases for renting buildings in Charleston for the temporary housing of theatre and arts programs.

The audit said Eastern should have used competitive bidding before selecting the buildings and cited an Illinois Procurement Code that requires certain leases be processed through a bidding process.

Cooley disagreed with the report and said Eastern was not required to accept bids because the total cost of rent was less than \$100,000 per year.

Cooley said Eastern is not required to make any of the changes suggested by the audit and said several recommendations made in the audit would cost more to fix than to leave alone.

"The federal government recommends you not smoke, but there is no law that says 'do not smoke,'" Cooley said.



Jeff Cooley

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MINORITY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SEARCH

Final candidate visits campus

By Jason Essig
STAFF WRITER

A former Eastern student came back to try and increase the diversity of the student population on campus by applying for a position as director of minority affairs.

Interim Director of Minority Affairs Mona Davenport spoke Thursday in an effort to obtain the director of minority affairs position. Davenport has worked at Eastern for 13 years and obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern.

Davenport has worked in the minority affairs office for about eight months. She said when she first came into the office she sat down and talked to everyone there, letting everyone know she shared their vision and wanted to work with them.

Her background and education will help her to get the students on campus motivated, she said.

"The professional experience I have, along with my educational background could help bring a new initiative to all students," Davenport said.

Davenport said she would try to bring in new students to help her meet her goals if she is chosen for the position. She wants to bring minority affairs out into the light so students know about the programs it has to offer. She said Eastern offers a mentoring program through minority affairs most students do not know exists.

Davenport said if she was given the director's position, she would like to do all she could to bring more diversity onto campus. "I think Eastern needs to look outside their normal recruiting area. They should go to more inner city schools and community colleges so they can bring in a more diverse student population," Davenport said.

Minority affairs should work hand in hand with the housing committee to diversify the campus, she said.

"The relationship between housing and minority affairs should be extremely close. The relationship is crucial because housing works with the students hand in hand," Davenport said. "If we could work together, we could bring a lot more to the students."

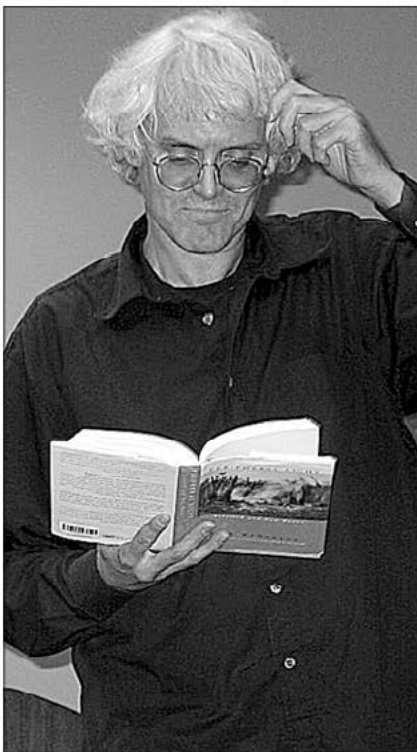
Shirley Stewart, vice president of student affairs, attended the open interview session and said she agreed with a lot of what Davenport had to say and said she thinks Davenport is an excellent candidate for the position.

"Her welcoming and engaging attitude toward the students and staff and her desire to bring diversity to campus make her a very viable candidate," Stewart said.

Stewart was not alone in her thoughts of Davenport. Academic Adviser Debbie Barker said she made it a point to come to the open session to see Davenport. She said Davenport can talk to students and parents in a way no one else can.

"She can relate wonderfully to the students and their parents," Barker said. "She knows how to reach out to them and make them feel wanted."

Davenport was the last of three candidates who interviewed for the position. The final decision is up to Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, who is scheduled to choose the new director in late April.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEVE LARRICK

Tell it

John Kinsella, a poet from Australia, reads some of his poetry Thursday afternoon in Lumpkin Hall Auditorium. Kinsella is the recipient of numerous awards, grants and fellowships including The Western Australian Premier's Award for Poetry, The Harri Jones Memorial Prize for Poetry and The John Bray Poetry Award from the Adelaide Festival.

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EDITORIAL

Tax target for minority group unfair

A tax increase only for people making more than \$250,000 is unfair.

Seventy-six percent of voters approved the advisory referendum March 16 to raise the state's income tax from 3 to 6 percent for residents making more than \$250,000 a year. This was done in order to give more money to schools and property owners, leaving the Illinois Legislature to place the referendum on the November ballot.

It is understood that the tax system works on the reasoning of taxing those with higher incomes compared to everyone else who is paying what they can afford.

No one is arguing that this is unfair.

But this particular tax increase doubles taxes for those making more than \$250,000, a group which represents less than 1.4 percent of the state's more than 5.6 million income payers.

It is wrong to target this group instead of increasing taxes for everyone within what they can afford.

This increase draws questions of whether there was another way to form a solution to generating that amount of money.

No one enjoys having their taxes raised, but understanding the justification for the increase is important. It seems that the intent of targeting this specific group and dramatically raising their taxes as opposed to slightly raising the taxes of a larger group of people within their means to give, was to keep the complaints to a minimum.

Another question is whether the state needs the revenue the tax increase will bring.

Though Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn supports the referendum, Gov. Rod Blagojevich argues the timing is not right for the tax increase and the issue is not how much money there is, but how the money is being spent, the *Associated Press* reported.

Blagojevich has said raising taxes should be discussed eventually, but not right now because the state's focus should be on reforming the way education dollars are being spent. He is asking legislators to do a good job with existing resources before asking for more.

State Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, also disagrees with the referendum and agrees with Blagojevich's stance on the matter.

If taxes really need to be raised to save the state's budget, a technique should be devised that increases taxes a little bit for everyone instead of targeting a specific group.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

OPINION

Should never settle for a headstone



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I came from a large high school, with a graduating class of about 720. But now that number is a little less.

I have been fairly fortunate to not have death and people dying in my family for the majority of my life. Unfortunately, that recently has changed quickly.

The saying goes that people die in threes. It couldn't be closer to the truth now.

Three guys, all of which I knew somewhat well to really well, died in a five week time frame.

Some readers may remember me writing about my first friend, Matt, who died of cancer.

The second friend died two weeks later and it was a drinking-related incident. The last guy I knew since third grade. He killed himself on Sunday night.

Honestly, I thought he was annoying, but now his antics don't seem all that bad, knowing that I won't hear him say, "Hey Colin, pull my finger," then rolling down the window to yell "hoochie's" to unsuspecting high school girls. That's the kind of bizarre humor Jack had.

Even though I didn't talk to him often after graduation, his death affected me very hard because it was his choice, the other two were not their choices.

According to a friend close to him, they did not assume that he

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was unhappy. He had lost his job due to multiple alcohol related incidents, but he was going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and was straightening out his life. It appeared that Jack had a plan for his life. But I guess not. It bothers me more that he felt useless to others here. He was part of a large family, 10 brothers and sisters, had a steady girlfriend and was looking for a job in paramedics. Paramedics. How can saving people lives be considered use-

less? That's the farthest profession from being useless.

Suicide has been harder; it makes me feel useless in others lives. It's really frustrating to feel helpless and useless to other people.

Jack always had a smile on his face, mostly laughing at his own jokes at your expense. It didn't seem like anything ever got to him; he had the toughest shell. He would make fun of himself if it would get him a slight chuckle. No matter what, you couldn't break that shell. In the end, Jack had an extremely fragile shell.

Some lyrics from the band Walls of Jericho that are helping me through this hard time are: "It's time to overcome and leave the past behind. Dream like you'll live forever, live like you'll die tomorrow. It's time for change, don't let life burn away. Leave your past behind regret is needless pain. Dream like you'll live forever, live like you'll die tomorrow."

Time travels by and we worry about class, jobs and our lives. You are only on this planet once. Worry about your friends. Concern yourself with what will make you happy. You won't find happiness in money and jobs that will suck away all your time and effort. Don't get sucked into a 9-5 job for peanuts that won't leave you happy when you go to bed at night.

One Bowl Empty, One Full of Dirt



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Much to experience in Charleston

Charleston is a great small town and that is a fact often forgotten by students and locals.

I grew up here and know better than most the town's faults, but it is great to hear positive comments from Matt Williams's March 2 column.

Yes, a true townsie I am. I get annoyed when Wal-Mart is invaded by the hordes of returning students and their parents. However, my biggest pet peeve is outsiders bashing good old Charleston.

There is so much to love. Will Rodgers Theatre,

where you can see a movie for three bucks. God knows that's how I survived many hot July nights. Lake Charleston is a great place for a bonfire. The Southside Cafe is a little known burger and malt joint that makes fresh doughnuts and is way cheap. You can have lunch with construction workers, lawyers and quite possibly your political science professor there.

I could sit here all day and talk about the great oddball

things to do, but alas, I really should be writing a paper. A little creativity does wonders in Charleston, that's how I entertained myself for 19 years.

As I sit here and ponder how to end this letter I find myself growing a little homesick, and wishing I was back in good old Charleston.

I hope that next time you thought about going back to suburbia or home, wherever it may be, you will do like Williams and stay.

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AB sends final group budgets to Student Senate

By Brian O'Malley

STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Apportionment Board Thursday reviewed, and unanimously approved, three budgets for three of the fee-funded boards.

On March 4, AB made cuts to the budgets of the Student Recreation Center, University Board and the Student Government.

After that, each group was

responsible for taking certain things off their respective budgets to coincide with allocations AB had approved.

More than \$200,000 was approved for the rec center, which is about a \$5,000 decrease from the request.

The amount is still about \$7,000 more than what the center received for this year.

Larry Ward, Student Senate vice president for financial affairs, said

he thought Ken Baker, director of Student Recreation Center, did a good job putting the numbers together.

More than \$210,000 was approved for the University Board after it requested more than \$250,000. The amount is still \$6,000 more than last year.

The University Board was forced to cut \$50 from each coordinator's payroll and the amount of people

going on a trip to see talent that could be brought to Eastern.

More than \$35,000 was approved for Student Government, but requested more than \$37,000. The amount is still an increase of about \$3,000.

Lesica said minor things like printing and postage were changed to meet with the budget cuts made by AB.

The AB and the Dramatic

Player's Club both received the exact amount each group requested. AB requested and was approved more than \$21,000 and the player's club was requested and approved more than \$8,000.

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica said the five motions of the budget increases will be discussed at next week's Student Senate meeting.

"The senate gets the budgets next," Lesica said.

Bagelfest tickets go on sale

By Jaclyn Gorski

STAFF WRITER

Tickets for the 19th Mattoon Bagelfest country music concerts went on sale Thursday in the Mattoon Welcome Center in Peterson Park.

Some of the performers invited so far for this year are Josh Turner, Blake Shelton and Gary Allen.

Josh Turner, 25, of Hannah, S.C., signed to MCA in 2001. His album, "Grand Ole Opry," came out that year, his Web site said.

Blake Shelton, 27, was born in Ada, Okla. His self-titled debut album came out in 2001. According to his Web site, his first single off the record was "Austin," which ended up tying Billy Ray Cyrus' record for being No. 1 on Billboard for five weeks.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Vice president, secretary elected

By Kristin Hittner

STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association Thursday elected the secretary and vice president of finance to the executive board for next year.

Two people ran for secretary and J.C. Miller, a freshman political science major and Andrews Hall representative, earned the position.

She described her strength as being organized and her weakness as having a problem not being able to speed write.

"She has the whole year planned and has clearly weighed all of her options," said Kevin Leverence, a National Residence Hall Honorary member.

Out of the two people nominated for the vice president of finance, last year's RHA Pemberton Hall representative Jen Roden, a sophomore chemistry major, earned

the position for next year.

Last week Lindsay DiPietro, a freshman mathematics major, was elected president. Erin McGovern, a freshman psychology major, was elected vice president and Heather Long, a freshman journalism major, was elected vice president for programming and diversity.

Last semester Peter Salvadori, a freshman history major, was elected National Communications Coordinator/ Illinois Communications Communicator. All executive-elects will begin their terms in August.

There also was an announce-



Rachel Glynn

ment from July 22-24, commencing July 22 at 3 p.m. and continuing until 9 or 10 p.m. July 23's celebration begins at noon and goes until midnight, while July 24's festivities will end at 1 p.m. with the bagel breakfast kicking the day off at 8 a.m.

The theme for this summer's Bagelfest, which was originally started to celebrate the opening of Lender's Bagel Factory, has not yet been decided.

Hettinger said there will be several activities at this year's Bagelfest, including concerts, beauty pageants, talent shows, vendors, races and baseball tournaments.

In the past, Bagelfest has drawn approximately 40,000 people to the Mattoon area throughout the week. Most come for the baseball tournaments and wait around for more, Hettinger said.

Other announcements from the association included a blood drive 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Friday in Thomas Hall. Taylor Hall's new Web site also will be ready for display, and a group involved with RHA will be hosting a car wash in the Domino's parking lot on April 13.

Also, later this semester, a five kilometer walk for non violence will be held at the Newman Catholic Center. Eighty percent of the donations will be given to an organization working with Haiti residents.

The Residence Hall Association will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the basement of Andrews Hall.

Rainy, warm spring awaits Coles County

By Kathleen Goro

STAFF WRITER

Eastern students can expect pleasant temperatures and high rainfall this spring.

Dallas Price, local weather observer and former Eastern professor, said the signs of spring are all around.

"We have already had high amounts of rainfall this year and it isn't even officially spring yet," Price said.

"Seventeen out of the 31 days in March we had precipitation, (which added to) two inches above normal."

The first official day of spring weather this year is April 6, Price said. Price said spring begins when average temperatures go above 50, although not every day meets this criteria.

"The weather is moderating," Price said. "We can tell because last month's temperatures are not going to be like April's temperatures."

Along with the pleasant change to warmer temperatures, meteorologists forecast severe weather common to spring in the Midwest.

Meteorologist Roger Edwards, from the National Weather Service of Lincoln, said predicting severe weather has come a long way, but certain elements of tornadoes and thunderstorms cannot be detected.

"When predicting severe weather, including tornadoes, a day or two in advance, we look for the development of temperature and wind flow patterns in the atmosphere," Edwards said. "There are four main ingredients needed for a tornado: moisture, instability, lift and wind shear."

"The weather is moderating. We can tell because last month's temperatures are not going to be like April's temperatures."

—Dallas Price, local weather observer

Although meteorologists can identify these ingredients, these elements alone are not always helpful in predicting severe weather.

"Meteorologists can't predict tornadoes for a certain week or day," Edwards said. "Specific weather for more than two days in advance is little more than guessing."

Coles County has experienced four tornadoes over the last five years. Records were set last year in central and southeast Illinois, which saw more than 59 tornadoes, the National Weather Service reported.

Although Illinois experienced many tornadoes last year, Price said the states with the most tornadoes are typically Oklahoma and Kansas.

The most recent tornado spotting in Charleston was in 1992, but it wasn't a severe tornado, Price said.

"We haven't had a severe tornado in Charleston since 1917," he said. "And that one tore up Mattoon and Charleston."

Price said next week we should expect temperatures to warm to the mid-50s, with rain moving in on Thursday.

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Students from both Eastern and Jefferson enjoy the opportunity to work and play together. "First we made crafts for people in the hospital, then we played kickball and now we are doing a scavenger hunt," sixth grader Adam Drake said. "It is fun and we get out early."

"We get to play with kids and show them a good time for the day," said Dan Taylor, a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity member. Each year there is a different committee offering new ideas for Greek Fun Day, said Elise Ramsey, a fourth grade teacher.

"I am the contact person here at Jefferson and the committee works with me on the planning and I keep the teachers informed," Ramsey said.

"The main focus is the kids' enjoyment," said Garry Cooke, a graduate student. "It gets them away from school for a day and is a good way to give back to the community."

The experience is a lot of fun, Cooke said, adding that there was more energy and enthusiasm this year than in previous years.

Jefferson Principal Jim Louthan said Greek Fun Day started five years ago and ever since, the students know when it is coming and enjoy it.

The Greek students provide all the materials for the crafts and they supervise, Garman said.

"It is an opportunity for the Greeks to interact with the students."

Louthan agreed, adding "all in all, it is a positive experience for the kids and the EIU students."



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

John Scaletta, a freshman speech communication major, plays 4-Square with students from Jefferson Middle School Thursday morning. Fraternities and sororities came to play games with the students at Jefferson.

Enough:

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President Lou Hencken and Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, were both at Wednesday's meeting to present the tuition increase for Fiscal Year 2006 to the senate.

"I think the administration understands these are very involved students," she said. "They were probably surprised at the outcome."

Brinker said she thinks the senate will have a big discussion at next week's meeting and possibly discuss writing a motion to require members to give advance notice for all absences.

"I'm sure they'll be discussing some legislation to have a process put in place so that things are communicated in advance,"

Brinker said.

Student Body President Caleb Judy said each senate member is only allowed three absences before being taken off of the senate. Judy said senate members abuse their absences.

"Some people think these are freebies," Judy said. "They shouldn't miss any meetings. These absences are for extreme emergencies only."

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica said he agrees that senate should look into writing motions requiring members to give advance notice when being absent for a meeting.

"It would definitely be a good idea," Lesica said. "A couple people told me this time, but I had no idea of the ultimate turnout until I showed up."

Since a quorum was not met Wednesday,

the senate was not allowed to take attendance, which means no absences were even recorded.

"They got lucky," Lesica said.

Lesica said three or four senate members are currently on leaves of absence, which means they can miss as many as they want as long as they miss consecutive meetings and they write a letter to him.

"We should get rid of leave of absence," Lesica said.

Judy said most students on leaves of absence don't provide good reasons as to why they must take the "vacation."

"Not all of the leaves of absences are for good reasons," Judy said.

Bill Davidson, student executive vice president and Student Senate speaker from fall 2002 to spring 2003, said members should attend all meetings, but they should-

n't all be blamed.

"I believe the timing of the senators' absences to be detrimental to Student Government functioning properly," Davidson said. "However, their actions can't be looked down upon too much because senate and Student Government ask a lot of the students' time."

Davidson said the senate should be given a week off around this time of year to give senate members a break.

"The students could catch up on their studies and projects alike," he said. "Such a break would alleviate some tension."

Brinker said she agrees that students are busy around this time of the school year.

"Typically during the spring semester, it's hard to get people to come to meetings," Brinker said. "This time of year seems to be a busy time for students."

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Alleged mailbox bomber deemed unfit for trial

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP)—A former college student accused of planting pipe bombs in a "smiley face" pattern across the Midwest, including in Illinois, nearly two years ago was declared incompetent to stand trial Thursday by a federal judge.

Luke Helder, 22, was ordered to return to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., where he will undergo another round of psychological evaluation to determine if he is a risk to others. U.S. District Judge Mark Bennett could free him if he is found not to be a significant risk.

Helder was caught after a nationwide manhunt in May 2002, when 18 pipe bombs and anti-government letters were placed in mailboxes in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas. Six pipe bombs exploded in Iowa and Illinois, injuring four letter carriers and two residents.

After his arrest outside Reno, Nev., Helder told authorities that by scattering the bombs across the country, he was trying to draw a "smiley face" on the map.

Pending changes in condom labeling spark debate

CHICAGO (AP)—It's just a little bit of wording on a condom packet — so small that Justin Kleinman hadn't noticed it until he squeaked to read it recently.

"This is completely pointless," the 24-year-old Chicagoan said of the warning telling him that, while condoms can help prevent the spread of some sexually transmitted diseases, there are no guarantees.

Even so, that tiny bit of print is at the center of a raging debate now that President Bush has asked the Food and Drug Administration to modify the current warning to include information about human papillomavirus, commonly called HPV or genital warts.

On one side are scientists who believe that condoms should be promoted as a crucial line of defense against several STDs and cervical cancer. On the other are groups that advocate waiting for sex until marriage, and who see the dangers of HPV as an argument for their cause.

Jacksonville to lose hundreds of jobs

JACKSONVILLE (AP)—EMI Group's decision to close a CD plant and cut more than 400 jobs is "a horrible blow" to Jacksonville that will be felt throughout the area, officials say.

About 600 people work at the EMI CD plant and distribution center in Jacksonville, a town of 19,000 people about 30 miles west of Springfield. The company announced Tuesday that it will close the plant but keep its warehouse operation.

"Terrible news. For a town our size to

lose 434 employees and a mainstay company that has been here for 40 years is a horrible blow," Mayor Ron Tendick said.

A letter faxed to Tendick by EMI said the 434 employees will lose their jobs on or about May 31. The company has offered severance benefits to the affected workers, the letter stated, and EMI is bringing in an employment outplacement company to help workers with job searches.

The Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corporation also has contacted the state commerce department's "Rapid Response Team," which provides links to resources and job training for displaced employees.

Mike Kirchhoff, executive director of the economic development corporation, said the factory, which opened in 1965, offered good-paying jobs that came with excellent benefits. Their loss will ripple throughout the economy and probably end up costing other jobs, he said.

75-year-old woman accused of scamming car dealerships and her lawyer

CHICAGO (AP)—The lawyer for a 75-year-old woman accused of writing bad checks for new cars across the Chicago area says she scammed him, too.

A judge issued an arrest warrant Wednesday for Betty A. Gooch, who has been charged with five felonies in McHenry and Cook Counties for allegedly buying cars with bad checks. She failed to show up for a bond hearing in the McHenry County Courthouse in Woodstock, and the judge revoked Gooch's personal recognizance bond and set bail at \$100,000.

Authorities said Thursday that she was not in custody. A public telephone listing for Gooch could not be found.

Her attorney, Stephen Ford, said he withdrew from the case Wednesday because she gave him a bad check.

"She gave me this stop sign," Ford said. "She gave me a check for a retainer, and I took it."

Gooch, of Algonquin, is accused of using her age and apparent frailty to take advantage of about a dozen car dealers in McHenry, Cook and Lake Counties in the past four years. Authorities said she wrote bad checks for several new vehicles, including a sport-utility vehicle and a motorcycle.

Authorities said Gooch would negotiate a deal, write a check and ask the dealership to hold on to it for a couple of days. She'd tell the dealership she needed to transfer money from her retirement account and after a check bounced she would provide another story, police said. The dealers would eventually repossess the cars.

Will County woman sentenced for stealing \$45,000 from MADD

JOLIET (AP)—The founder of Will County's chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been sentenced to three years in prison for stealing tens of thousands of dollars from the organization.

Will County Circuit Judge Carla Alessio-Goode declined requests of leniency on Wednesday from Antoinette Wilda's defense. Alessio-Goode said Wilda was unrepentant and likely to commit other crimes.

Wilda, 48, of Joliet, was also ordered to pay \$48,460 in restitution to MADD. She was found guilty in January of felony theft.

Wilda started the MADD chapter with her husband after the couple's 15-year-old son was killed by a drunken driver. She was accused in September of stealing the money paid by drunken drivers ordered by the courts to attend a victim impact panel.

The Will County chapter of the program only accepted cash for its \$20 fee and, Wilda underreported the number of participants between January 2000 and March 2003, prosecutors said during the two-week trial.

The motive for the theft was a lack of income because of prolonged periods of unemployment, prosecutors said.

Wilda's actions cast a pall over an organization that relies on donations from the public, said David Malham, a senior victim advocate from MADD. He said Wednesday that he was "delighted" with the sentence.

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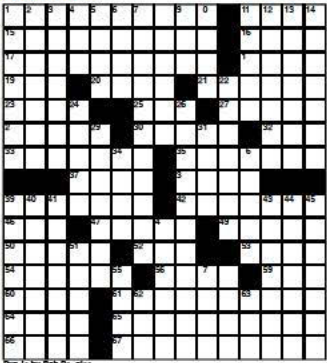
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Attorney: Sept. 11 commission isn't getting full picture

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks isn't getting a full picture of former President Clinton's terrorism policies because the Bush administration won't forward all of Clinton's records to the panel, a lawyer said.

Bruce Lindsey, Clinton's legal representative for records and a longtime confidant of the former president, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that only about 25 percent of nearly 11,000 pages have been turned over.

"I don't want (the commission) drawing the conclusion the Clinton administration didn't do X or Y and then there be a document that contradicts that and they didn't have access to that document because the current administration decided not to forward it to them," Lindsey said.

While presidential records are sealed by law for five years after a president leaves office, an exception was made to allow early access for the Sept. 11 commission. The National Security Council and Bush administration attorneys decided to turn over just a fraction of Clinton's documents, Lindsey said.

Police continue search for abduction suspect

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Police interviewed a University of Wisconsin student Thursday for clues to her mysterious four-day disappearance, and they insisted that the hunt was still on for a suspect in the case.

Police released a composite sketch of the man Audrey Sciler said abducted her at knife-point from her off-campus apartment early Saturday. Sciler, 20, was found in a marshy area two miles from the apartment Wednesday.

Sciler was cooperative during the interview, police spokesman Larry Kamholz said. He said authorities had no reason to doubt her claim that she had been kidnapped.

Georgia gay marriage ban approved

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia voters will decide this fall whether to amend the state constitution to ban gay marriage, even if the unions are performed in other states.

The Georgia House approved the ban 122-52 on Wednesday.

Gay marriage already is illegal in Georgia, but the matter is not addressed in its constitution. Amendment supporters said the law would not prevent a judge from allowing same-sex couples to marry.

"We cannot let judges in Boston, or officials in San Francisco, define marriage for the people of Georgia," said GOP Rep. Bill Hembree, the amendment's sponsor, referring to other hotspots in the national debate over gay marriage.

The amendment was narrowly

defeated by the Democratic House last month after breezing through the Republican-controlled Senate earlier this year.

Last time, nearly all black lawmakers opposed the amendment, comparing the gay rights debate to the civil rights struggle. But after heavy lobbying from black clergymen and other social conservatives, several of those opponents voted yes, giving the amendment the needed two-thirds majority.

One opponent of the measure called Wednesday's yes votes "unacceptable." "This limited the freedom of people! That's unacceptable for a member of the minority caucus to be limiting freedom of another minority," said Rep. Ron Sailor, a minister from Decatur. Elsewhere, a proposed amendment

to the Missouri Constitution stating that marriage exists only between one man and one woman won initial House approval.

In Rhode Island, the debate over same-sex marriage took a personal turn as the House majority leader announced publicly that he is gay.

Gordon Fox said he's been in a committed relationship for six years and that he supports a bill that would allow same-sex marriages.

Competing bills have been offered in Rhode Island. One would allow same-sex marriages; another would define marriage as between a man and woman and make gay marriages approved in other states illegal.

Currently, 38 states have laws that define marriage solely as a heterosexual institution.

Newspapers show graphic image of charred bodies

NEW YORK (AP) — Major newspapers ran graphic photos Thursday of charred bodies of Americans killed in Iraq, while the images were largely shunned by American television as too graphic.

Eight photographs of the Fallujah attack were transmitted Wednesday by The Associated Press with an advisory to editors to "Note graphic content."

An AP photo of the bridge scene was used on the front page of The New York Times.

"On the one hand, you can't shy away from the news, and the news in this case is the indignities visited upon the victims and the jubilation of the crowd," said Bill Keller, the Times' executive editor. "At the same time you have to be mindful of the pain these pictures would cause to families and the potential revision of readers, and children, who are exposed to this over their breakfast table."

Similar images were on the front pages of The Miami

Herald and the Boston Herald. The New York Sun ran a large photograph on Page One of two hands reaching from a sea of orange flames.

The Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville ran a bridge photo on an inside page. An accompanying note told readers that although the pictures were disturbing, the editors felt they were necessary to give a full accounting of the killings.

Time to set the clocks ahead again Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP) — It'll be a sleepy Sunday morning for millions of Americans, who will lose an hour's sleep this weekend with the return of daylight-saving time.

Officially, clocks for most of the country change at 2 a.m. Sunday. People who fail to spring forward will be an hour late for church, work or other activities.

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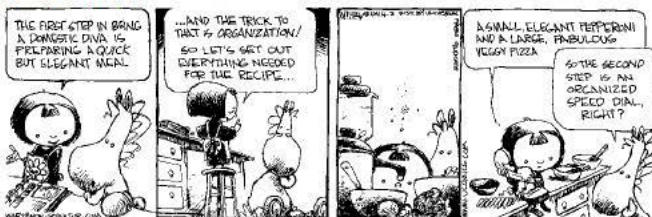
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TENNIS

Men's, women's tennis teams settle in for home game

By Alex Varshevsky

STAFF WRITER

For only the second time this season, the men's and women's tennis teams will play at home.

The road trip has been frustrating because both teams are playing some high-quality tennis, and Panther fans haven't been able to witness the success.

Despite being on the road for the majority of the time, the men have managed to maintain a winning record. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for the ladies. They have struggled at times this season. After starting out 0-2, they picked it up with a three-match winning streak, only to hit another bump in the road losing three out of their four last matches. Currently the women are 4-5 overall, 1-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference play.

"We hope to pick it up, and bring

in a home win this Saturday when they host Austin Peay," Eastern head coach Brian Holzgrafe said.

The men on the other hand are 7-6 overall, 2-1 in OVC, and are riding a two match winning streak. They are led by star players C.J. Weber, and Brandon Blankenbaker. Weber is 10-2 at the number-one position, while Blankenbaker is 11-2 at the second position. Freshman Chuck LeVaque has been a great addition to the team thus far going 9-4 at the third spot.

"The rest of the guys are a little inconsistent, and need to step it up if we are going to finish atop the conference," Holzgrafe said.

Holzgrafe stressed this as an important weekend for the men as they host conference foe Austin Peay Saturday at 10 a.m. and interstate rival DePaul University Sunday 10 a.m.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Freshman Madina Mambetova has moved up to number three singles this week. She lost her matches 7-5, 6-1 to Tennessee-Martin Saturday. Both men's and women's teams will be at home this weekend.

Slump:

Panthers win 4-1 in first game of double-header against Southeast Missouri

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Adding three runs in the seventh inning to what had been a tie game at one, Eastern was able to break out of a slump that had lasted for the team's 11 game losing streak. Over those 11 games, the Panthers were only able to rack up 15 runs. During those games, Eastern manager Lloydene Scarle was disappointed because his players couldn't come through with the clutch hit when runners were in scoring position.

But that trend was discontinued Thursday as Eastern was able to score when it mattered and took control of the game in the last frame possible.

In the top of the seventh inning, Eastern put itself in a familiar position as the first two hitters couldn't reach base. But the Panthers didn't let that phase them as they put together their rally with two outs in the inning.

Pinch hitter Cassandra North started the rally in her only at bat

of the first game by doubling. The pressure then was put on SEMO pitcher Kelly Birk who had been in the game since she replaced starting pitcher Jessica Hunter who only had lasted through 1/3 of an inning.

Birk broke down, and was given the loss, after North's double even after she had pitched solidly through her first 5 1/3 innings. Kristin Lovering followed North's lead by doubling as well, this line drive was fired to right-center field scoring North.

Two more runs were scored in the inning as both Mandy Lindwall Jessica Ieps both drove in runs in that frame.

The second game was not as much of a success for Eastern and its offense. SEMO struck back to nip the Panthers by a score of 3-2. Again the Panthers tried to score late in the game to pull out a victory, but SEMO was able to hold on this time behind three pitchers and the win was credited Hunter for her first of the year.

The Panthers again had a strong pitching effort as Heather Hoechen and Brittany Whelan split three innings a piece. Hoechen gave up all three SEMO runs and was saddled with the loss.

The Otahkians scored runs in the first, second and fourth innings of the game. Eastern pushed across two runs in the top of the fifth, but couldn't score anymore and lost the game by one run.

Stevens:

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What does Storin object to? Is it the racial part of the statement or the overall purpose of the argument? If it's the racial part, the Irish waited until 2002 to hire their first black head coach Tryone Willingham. Notre Dame doesn't have a stellar reputation of treating African-Americans with complete respect. Can we say hypocrite? If it's the second argument then one of the nation's most historic programs will continue to stretch its 15-year drought of no national championships in football.

Notre Dame went 5-7 last season and has had three losing seasons in the last five years, the only time in school history that has happened.

The academic standards at Notre Dame have long been discussed as a reason why the Irish no longer win consistently. "Our records show that admission requirements for athletics have remained constant over those years in which we have had both great success and occasional disappointments with our football teams," Storin said.

But Hornung believes the academic standards were eased in the late 1980s, when the Irish won their last national championship. He pointed to quarterback Tony Rice, one of only two Proposition 48 players ever to play at Notre Dame.

"Tony Rice honored himself and graduated in four years," Hornung said. "I think if he were trying to get in the university today it would be tougher."

Sports Illustrated had a feature on Atlanta Falcon's running back T.J. Duckett's inability to get into the Notre Dame even after taking the ACT three times and being told after his third attempt that they would make exceptions for him. However, Duckett was rejected by the Irish and not recruited by them. Duckett went on to Michigan State and dominated the Irish every time he stepped on the field against the gold helmets.

When it comes right down to it, Hornung should've left the racial component out of the statement and it might have exposed his opinion of black student-athletes in the classroom (which is wrong) but he may something involving the ridiculous guidelines of his alma mater.

Road:

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After Stone's showing against Chicago State, Schmitz is hopeful the sophomore can continue his hot streak this weekend.

"Pete was striking out way too much (earlier in the season) but he handled the situation real well and I'm really excited about the way he jumped right in there and did well."

After a tough start out of the gate, the Thoroughbreds have rebounded to win five of the last seven and currently stand at 7-16 overall. Murray State is led by the junior tandem of infielders Clint Griggs and Geoff Kirksey. Griggs leads the Thoroughbreds with a .347 average and is tied for second with 12 RBIs, while Kirksey is second in average (.341) and tops in homers (4) and RBIs with 19.

Schmitz said the Panthers will send sophomore lefty Kirk Miller (1-3, 4.45) to the mound in game one and Kyle Widegren (1-4, 8.69) in game two of the twin bill. Pitcher/designated hitter Erik Huber (0-3, 10.61) will grab the ball in the finale on Sunday.

With the number of high scoring games the Panthers have played recently, the outcome may be decided by their bats and if that is the case Campbell says he will be ready. "I feel pretty confident that we'll go in there and get it done," Campbell said. "We should be ready to go on Saturday."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Big Blue Classic adds events

By Dan Rieck
SPORTS EDITOR

In its only home meet of the year, Eastern's track team will host border rival Indiana State and others at the Big Blue Classic this weekend at O'Brien Field.

For the first year the meet will feature the Neil Moore heptathlon and decathlon. The first four events of the heptathlon started Thursday morning at 10 and the first events of the decathlon started at 10:30.

The last of the events of the heptathlon and decathlon will start Friday morning at 10:30 and 9:30, respectively. The team competition will start at 2:00 p.m. running until 7. Field events will start again at 10:00 Saturday morning and weekend will conclude with running finals starting at 12:45.

The Panther men are hoping to keep their momentum rolling from a dominating performance at Southern Illinois Classic last week. The women, who finished seventh at Carbondale last week, will welcome back junior Alicia Harris, junior Denise Jones and senior Nicole Millard, who competed in Houston at Rice universities Bayou Classic.

"Last week we kind of divided our forces but having those girls back will only strengthen our lineup," Wallace said.

The Eastern athletes will enjoy their only competition they won't have to leave Charleston for, Wallace said.

"The kids prefer being at home so they can sleep in their own beds and have their friends come see

them run," Akers said. "The coaches like being on the road because we can be around for the kids more, but being at home we have to concentrate on running the tournament more."

Another advantage of competing at home is the facilities, Akers said. "Kids can warm up inside on the track and come right next door to compete. Not everyone has that," Akers said. "It's a definite advantage when you're competing in Charleston in the spring because you never know what the weather is going to be like."

The men are looking to top Indiana State, who beat them in an indoor competition this year, Akers said. Senior Jermaine Jones is hoping to build on his NCAA qualifying run in the 400 hurdles last week while sophomore Jake Stout will return to the 3,000 meter steeplechase, that he qualified for the NCAA meet last year, after taking last week off from the event to run the 5,000 meters.

"Indiana State is quality across the board so they will be a good challenge for us," Akers said.

With the women's team back at full force Wallace is hoping to have strong performances across the board.

"Every weekend we're looking to get a total team effort," Wallace said. "If we can do that we'll be ready for conference."

Other teams competing at the event will be Marquette, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Illinois-Chicago, Bradley, Lewis, McKendree, St. Joseph, Marian College and Northern Illinois' women.

Men's Decathlon, top three and top events

1 Josh Wakeley, Eastern.
Total points: 3,256. Long jump: 6.53 m. Shot put: 12.14 m.

2 Billy Stadel, Lewis University. Total points: 3,207. 100 meter: 11.39 sec.

3 Taylor Reich, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Total points: 3,129. High jump: 1.87 m.

Women's Decathlon, top two, top events and Eastern players

1 Kari Diem, Western Illinois University. Total points: 2,890. 100 meter hurdles: 15.11 sec. Shot put: 11.61 m. 200 meter: 27.09 sec.

2 Santia Spight, Indiana State University. Total points: 2,329. High jump: 1.62 m.

4 Libby Bedoe, Eastern.
Total points: 2,208. High jump: 1.56 m.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Recruitment heads north

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern may have come closer to signing a pair of the top women's golfers in the Badger state this week.

Panthers head golf coach Mike Moncel announced Thursday that he has scheduled a recruiting visit for high school seniors Samara Kluever and Amy Simons for Friday.

"We are excited about having the two of them come to Eastern and show them the university because they are the kind of players that would fit in here," Moncel said.

Eastern has scholarship money free to about one more player and Moncel has currently recruited three players for that spot. "I kinda comes down to whoever signs first and then they'll get the scholarship," Moncel said.

Kluever qualified for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association State Tournament at University Ridge Golf Club in Madison, Wis. the last two years as an individual and made with her team in her freshman season. Kluever set the all-time Wisconsin Little Ten Conference scoring record in her final season at Oconomowoc High School.

"Our conference has been playing golf since 1975 and she played well enough to get in the record books," Oconomowoc High School girls golf coach George Faherty said.

The Oconomowoc, Wis. native boasts a low United States Golf Association handicap of seven and brings the rare combination of power and finesse which is rare to find in a girl of her physical size.

"She hits the ball further than most girls that I've seen because she's so athletic," Faherty said. "What makes her a winner at this level is her touch around the greens which is excellent."

Kluever had an official visit at Western Illinois but was not highly recruited because of her performance at the state

tournament in her senior year. The 2003 All-State Honorable Mention selection finished 18th at the state tournament her senior year shooting 87-93-180 in extremely difficult conditions.

"She was really disappointed by not having a really good state tournament," Faherty said. "Honestly, coaches at the college level really pay attention to the summer competition."

In 2002, Kluever won the single-round Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Golf Tournament at Currie Park Golf Course by five shots and posting an 81.

"I'm pretty sure that she'd fit pretty well in our program," Moncel said.

Moncel has discussed with other coaches in the southeast Wisconsin area about a potential attitude problem that concerned the Panther's head coach. Faherty dispelled the rumor and was adamant that Kluever's personality on and off the course.

"I had Samara on my team for four years and she got along with everybody on her team," Faherty said. "I enjoyed coaching her because I never had a discipline problem with her."

Faherty guessed why his former player was given that reputation.

"She is a very competitive person and she may have rubbed those coaches the wrong way because she hates to lose," Faherty said. "A coach is going to want a girl like her who's willing to work hard and get better every day."

Simons comes from a traditionally solid girls golf program in Green Bay Preble High School, and led her school to a fourth place team finish in the 2003 state tournament.

"Here's another player that finished very well in state and could be an instant contributor," Moncel said.

Simons holds a USGA handicap of 9.2 and finished ninth and 16th in her final two state tournaments individually. Simons has been on Moncel's list of potential prospects for over a month.

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SOFTBALL



Panther infielder Rachael Karros tries to throw a runner out against Central Connecticut in Terre Haute, Ind.

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Eastern makes it over the slump

◆ **Women win first of doubleheader against Southeast Missouri**

By Aaron Seiditz
SPORTS REPORTER

It almost took too long for the Panthers to finally break out of their offensive slump, but Eastern was able to get out of its offensive drought just in time to win the first game of their doubleheader by a score of 4-1

against Southeast Missouri Thursday afternoon.

The Panthers also were boosted by a strong performance from freshmen starting pitcher Andrea Darnell, who earned her second win of the season along with five losses.

She had been ineffective for the Panthers thus far, but came through with her best performance of the season. Against the Otahkians, Darnell pitched all seven innings for a complete game victory. Darnell only gave up six hits in those seven innings, which

is a drastic improvement over what her hits to innings pitched ratio shows over the season. Throughout the year Darnell has thrown 34 1/3 innings, but has given up 56 hits over that time.

While Darnell kept the two teams even at one run apiece throughout much of the game, both teams were tied since the first inning, the Panther offense finally came through late in the game.

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BASEBALL

Panthers look to conference open road

◆ **Team will face Murray State in OVC opener after losing to Tennessee-Martin last weekend**

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern will look for better results in conference play this weekend as the Panthers head into their Ohio Valley Conference road opener against Murray State.

Last weekend the Panthers (4-17) lost two of three games to Tennessee-Martin at Coaches Stadium and currently sit in a three-way tie for six place. The Thoroughbreds of Murray State also find themselves at 1-2 in conference play after dropping two games against Southeast Missouri State over the weekend. With both the Panthers and Thoroughbreds trying to free themselves from the crowded OVC standings, Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz knows this upcoming series is key for the blue and white.

"Both teams are 1-2 and we're obviously at Murray so it's a big weekend for us," Schmitz said.

The skipper, now in his 10th year leading Eastern, noted his team can't make the miscues on the diamond against Murray State after poor play defensively cost the Panthers a game against Tennessee-Martin. The Panthers had seven errors during the three games and in the rubber match on Sunday, Eastern was guilty of four mistakes leading to four unearned runs in an 8-4 loss.

"Tennessee-Martin was a weekend where we gave them one game easily," Schmitz said. "We have two days of practice (before the Murray State games) so our focus is to look at these two days to kind of get us going where we need to be defensively to cut down on mistakes."

The fielding is certainly a concern for the Panthers this weekend but after two games of 10 or more runs offensively Eastern's early sea-



Eastern second baseman Chris Uhle dives back to first after a Chicago State pitcher attempts a pickoff in the Panthers 22-10 win Wednesday.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

son woes at the plate appear to be over.

"I thought the bats were back (in the 19-10 loss to Saint Louis) and obviously (against Chicago State) they were, we just made some good timing," Schmitz said. "I told the guys we needed a big win to get the bats going and we got that."

One player whose bat never left was third baseman Ryan Campbell. The freshman from Orland Park appeared locked in as he took three

Chicago State offerings deep on Wednesday and finished the game 4-5 with seven RBIs.

But overshadowed was Campbell's career day was outfielder Pete Stone, who quietly drove in five runs after entering the game in the fifth inning as a defensive replacement. Stone connected on a two-run double before Stone smashed a three-run blast the next inning.

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THROWING HEAT

Matt Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Statement should have stopped short

Simply put, Paul Hornung was absolutely correct and then should've stopped. We've all done that when you make a really well thought out argument and you take it one step farther. Well, the going to far away this week goes to Golden Boy.

At Notre Dame, change is bad and unacceptable. For that matter, any privatized Catholic institution has that mentality so let's not just stick with the golden dome for bashing.

However, one of its own had a 21st century idea at a school that still is stuck reviving memories of Knute Rockne, the Four Horsemen and Ara Parseghian instead of living in the present.

Hornung made a statement that college football experts have been suggesting over the years but have been ignored by Notre Dame administrators for not understanding the tradition of Irish football. Well, now a former player has said it and the people under Touchdown Jesus still aren't listening.

Let's evaluate the potential reaction of diehard Irish fans to what the 1956 Heisman Trophy award winner said by breaking the controversial quote down.

"We can't stay as strict as we are as far as the academic structure is concerned (Yes, it's at this point a famous Notre Dame alum is going to talk about one of the major reasons the Irish have flourished in mediocrity over recent years partly due to its failure to recruit solid classes due to its academic requirements) because we've got to get the black athlete." (Ouch, this is kind of like watching a Mercedes slam into a brick wall and explode instantly) Hornung went from being an idealist to a racist in about well, two words "black athlete."

The former star of the Green Bay Packers has had a reputation for liking his liquor a little too much, but all sources say these statements were made totally sober, and let's assume they were.

Hornung had no right to play the race card when its affects every high school athlete that wants to apply to Notre Dame no matter the color of their skin.

Notre Dame spokesman Matthew Storn called Hornung, who starred with the Green Bay Packers, an illustrious alumnus but objected to the comments he made Tuesday night.

"They are generally insensitive and specifically insulting to our past and current African-American student-athletes," Storn said in a statement.

Hornung has since apologized for his remarks just involving black players but when I evaluate the entire controversy, I'm still confused about Notre Dame's position on the overall topic.

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ON THE VERGE OF THE WEEKEND

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musician accused of threatening
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ADVICE COLUMN

Not ready for her jelly

Dear Verge,

I have a plus size friend who usually does not wear clothes that are flattering to her figure. Often times I hear people making fun behind her back and it upsets me. I have discussed the matter with my other friends and we cannot come to a conclusion about how to suggest she starts dressing more appropriately without being hurtful. She is a great person and we want people to stop judging her by her looks, but rather by who she really is. Please help!!

A concerned friend.

He said:

First of all, let me say that, while I am definitely a fan of the female body, I think people in general aren't wearing enough clothing these days. Maybe I'm old fashioned or something but I find a woman much more attractive when she can pull off a nice dress as opposed to platforms and a bandana for a shirt. It's obvious you're concerned for your friend's image but it doesn't seem like she is. I'm sure the girl has a mirror and she knows exactly what she looks like before she goes out. If she is comfortable with how she looks in those clothes, then that's all that really matters. Unfortunately, we live in a society that places an extremely high value on being thin, all the while being the most overweight society as well.

If people have a problem with the way she dresses, then it is just that - their problem. If the way she dresses is offensive, which is to say that people with a "more perfect" body type would look offensive in the same type of attire, then maybe you should talk to her. If not, I don't really think there is anything you could or should say to her. She knows how she looks when she dresses in that manner and what's more, she probably knows what the people you mentioned say about her. Whether it is socially acceptable or not, she's comfortable with the way she looks and that, as her friend, should make you happy.

She said:

You are a sweet friend, but you seem to forget that your larger than average amiga must own a mirror. She knows how she looks everyday and is comfortable

with the way her clothes fit her. Instead of worrying about how others perceive her, you should be proud to have a friend who is a nonconformist. Back in the day, like Renaissance era, extra padding on the female body was considered fashionable. Can you imagine thin women being gawked at because their clothing was so loose that it disgusted others? Heroin chic is a trend. Though it has yet to die, your friend apparently isn't starving herself or doing worse things to reach some unattainable number of thinness. You are lucky that she is healthy and mobile.

Did you ever think that the people making the comments are the ones with the problem? Your friend is not the one being negative. She is confident enough in her personality to brush aside the comments she has doubtlessly been slandered by before. Maybe she has biological problems that prevent her from looking the way you would prefer her to. Could the people making the comments be saying such things to instill the fact that their appearances are better than hers? Consider telling the people who mock your friend that you don't want to hear them speaking that way. It would be a lot easier than saying something to her.

Maybe you are really worried that the way she looks will reflect on you and your other friends. You say you want people to stop judging her negatively by her looks, but you are also attaching a stigma to her appearance. Everyone has laid eyes on a person who seems to have gotten dressed in the closet or out of a box of clothes they wore in junior high. If it is so offensive, people should look the other way. Confidence is attractive in my opinion, and your friend is not in the supply of it. If you are close and true friends, you will have enough confidence to tell her that people mock her appearance behind her back and it bothers you. If she thanks you for your honesty, and dresses more "appropriately," congratulations, you've altered her self-image to a more conventional taste. If she hears you out and then nods understandingly, you will have strengthened your friendship and learned a lesson in security.

Advice column questions can be e-mailed to Dan and Holly at clueverge@hotmail.com



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PREDICTIONS FROM THE ALL-KNOWING MAGIC EIGHT-BALL

Repercussions of Day's show

1. Have a nice Day will become the inside joke on campus.

Magic 8-Ball says: Better not tell you now.

2. Ladies of Eastern will steer clear of UB concert acts' tour buses, following Day's arrest for damage to property, disorderly conduct and intimidation of a victim.

Magic 8-Ball says: Signs point to yes.

3. The university police department will be empty, with all UPD officers enforcing security at Day's show.

Magic 8-Ball says: My sources say no.

4. Skinny pale guys with black spiky hair and sideburns will

masquerade as Howie in hopes of doing well with the ladies.

Magic 8-Ball says: You may rely on it.

5. Pandering, tepid wuss-rock becomes all the rage as every wispy white boy worth his salt picks up a guitar and begins writing melodramatic pop ditties after seeing Day's set.

Magic 8-Ball says: Signs point to yes.

6. Promptly after his Eastern performance, Day cancels his upcoming tour with Canadian funny men Barenaked Ladies after realizing his tour mates are actually a cadre of portly canucks and not actual nude women.

Magic 8-Ball says: My sources say no.

7. In lieu of prerequisite underpants and love letters, female fans at the show merely throw preemptive restraining orders onstage.

Magic 8-Ball says: You may rely on it.

8. Cheap shots at Day's recent alleged activities cease as fans enjoy the man for his music rather than supposed off-stage antics and realize that such remarks are inappropriate, indecent and hurtful to an artist who is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Magic 8Ball says: No.

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Day to perform Sunday, ticket sales sluggish

By Dan Valenziano
VERGE EDITOR

Singer / songwriter Howie Day is set to perform at Lantz Arena Sunday but not many people have purchased tickets to the show.

Ceci Brinker, director of student life, said only 539 of the estimated 2,800 tickets had been sold as of Thursday.

The lackluster ticket sales could be caused by a number of things, said Joe Atamian, University Board concerts coordinator.

"We didn't get to advertise much before the tickets went on sale to students because of Spring Break," Atamian said.

"(Day) getting arrested didn't help (ticket sales)."

The Associated Press reported on March 28 that Day was arrested for allegedly locking a woman

in a bathroom and breaking another woman's cell phone. The altercation reportedly occurred on Day's tour bus after a show in Madison, Wis.

Day reportedly locked the woman in the bus bathroom after she refused his sexual advances, then broke the cell phone of another woman when she threatened to call the police.

Day was charged with misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, according to the AP story.

Atamian said the main focus of the UB's advertisement for the show occurred over the past week.

"We're going to put up posters in the UB's different schools Friday," Atamian said.

"Some of our committee members are going to (schools such as

Bradley, University of Illinois and others)."

Atamian said another problem that could have caused ticket sales to be low was that Day's booking agents were tardy in getting the show's contract back to the UB.

"We had to speed up the turnover a little bit, he said. "But we have everything contracted."

The UB usually contracts its lighting and sound for major shows to a company based in Indianapolis.

Day is not the only entertainment act to take the stage Sunday.

There are two opening acts scheduled for the show: Owen Beverly and Rob Nicholas.

Atamian said Day's record company, Epic, picked Beverly as the first opening act and the UB picked Nicholas, after Epic approved the selection.

"(Nicholas) is kind of new," Atamian said. "He's out of Chicago actually."

Nicholas is from the same town as Atamian but he made it clear that he wasn't doing Nicholas a favor by putting him on the ballot.

"I think he's capable of that kind of performance. He has played with some bigger Chicago acts."

Atamian said Nicholas' music is a bit harder than that of Beverly and Day.

Tickets can still be purchased Friday at the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets will also be available Sunday starting an hour before the show, which begins at 8 p.m.

Atamian said he had no idea how the final ticket sales numbers would turn out.

"The (UB Concerts) committee

as a whole thought the show would sell better," he said, "so I wouldn't really predict how it's going to go."

About 800 floor seats for the show are up for sale so anyone seeking a chance to get close to the stage should head over to the Union Ticket Office and pick up a ticket. They are \$8 for Eastern students and \$15 for everyone else.

"He's got a full band with him. There's a keyboardist, a bassist, a lead guitarist and (Nicholas) is on acoustic."

"It's a little more jam-bandish," he said.

Atamian urged students who haven't yet purchased tickets to head out to the show.

"It's gonna be a great show," he said. "Everyone buy tickets - it's going to be awesome!"

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Ohio natives Grafton headline weekend

By April McLaren
STAFF WRITER

It's all about the good old rock 'n' roll this weekend at Friends & Co. Grafton, a band from Columbus, Ohio, will rock the stage along with local Eastern outfit Dipshit Saturday.

The three-man band Grafton has been playing together since 1999, said Lou Poster, vocals and guitar player of Grafton.

He said for two years the band played together mainly for fun and were not too serious at first.

They started playing in local bars in Columbus. While doing so, Poster said they started looking around at other bands. They soon realized they weren't that bad at all and thought about taking their musical talents more serious.

"We thought, 'let's try it and see what happens,'" Poster said.

Before they knew it, Grafton recorded its first album two years after all three members came together.

Along with the album "Blind Horse Campaign," Grafton has also released a couple of singles and some demos, Poster said.

"It's not a whole lot of output," he said. "It's not as much as I would like."

Regardless of how much music the band has released, Grafton has continued to stay busy traveling the country coast-to-coast with six U.S. tours under its belt.

Last weekend the band made it internationally when they played its first show outside of the country in Toronto.

Poster said they are focusing on touring a lot to get their names out and see what happens.

"It's a slow burn," he said, "but we keep chippin' away."

While the band is focusing on gaining exposure by traveling the country, Poster said touring is not always as fun as it seems.

"It has its shit moments," he said.

Poster said it feels like they are always on the road traveling from state to state, show to show. He has a family, a wife and a three-year-old daughter, and that can get tough at times, he said.

"It's a challenge, a very independent challenge," Poster said.

He said before a road trip he sits down with his wife and daughter to tell them exactly when and where the band is traveling. Poster said he sits with his daughter and points to the map and tells her exactly where "daddy" will be.

"She learns a little geography while I learn a little patience," he said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRAFTON

Formed in Ohio in 1999, the three members of the rock outfit Grafton. The group has crossed the country on various tours nearly a half dozen times in the last two years.

Even though touring has its rough times, Poster said he still enjoys it.

"At least I'm not punching in everyday," he said. "I'm working, but it doesn't feel like I'm actually working."

While touring, Poster recalled his favorite concert and audience in Portland, Ore., as a "great, wild party."

He said he enjoyed it because the audience knew their music was more than art.

"It's a physical thing," he said. "You have to give and take with the audience."

Poster stressed being a musician is not all about getting rich

and famous.

"If that's what it was all about, we would have quit a long time ago."

He said aspiring musicians and bands need to focus on touring and stick with it to succeed.

"If this is what you want to do, don't let anyone else tell you other wise," he said. "It takes four or five years of banging your head on the wall before you get anywhere."

Other Grafton members are bass guitarist Donovan Roth and drummer Jason McKiernan.

Local band Dipshit will be opening for Grafton. All five members of the band are Eastern students.

Tony Boneyard, junior graphic design major and vocals of the band, said they are not "all that serious" about making the band a huge thing.

"It's not really a priority, but more of a why-not thing," he said.

On average, Boneyard said they play about once or twice a month in the central Illinois area, including Peoria and Champaign.

When they do play, it is generally for college-aged audiences.

"College students are the best to play for," Boneyard said. "Every show (with college students) has super high energy."

He said house parties are a good

place to have a show because of the personal, intimate setting.

He said once and awhile they will play a show with an older audience. Since Dipshit plays rock 'n' roll music with "hard core vocals," Boneyard said the reaction from an older audience is funny to see because they act so surprised.

Other members of Dipshit are Paul Revenge, guitar; Sean Destruction, drums; Aaron I. Gouger, guitar; and Adam Bomb bass player and sophomore painting major.

Grafton and Dipshit will be playing at Friends and Co. Saturday at 10 p.m.

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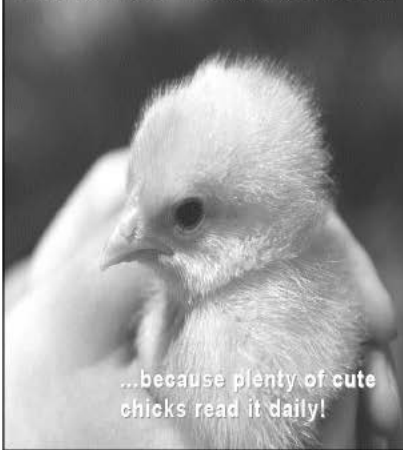
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Blackouts back in 'Blue' on sophomore effort

By Ben Turner
STAFF WRITER

Traditionally, bands on major labels and mainstream radio will have a difficult time getting their fans to warm-up to new material on a forthcoming album. Conversely, you have local and indie rock bands who present their new material at shows long before they ever get their act together and record and release the album. This can be to a great advantage.

Case in point, Champaign-Urbana's quartet The Blackouts, who have been playing almost entirely all their new material at every show - I have seen them play over the past 14 months. The Blackouts are a bit of a unique case study of this phenomenon because instead of just trying to sharpen the new songs and expose the audience, they were just bored with their material from their debut "Everyday is a Sunday Evening" and tried to distance themselves from the garage rock catch-all and Strokes (or insert any generic garage rock band here that their debut album drew comparisons to).

So long have I been awaiting their sophomore effort "Living in Blue" that when it finally arrived in the mail from Lucid Records

(former Braid frontman Chris Brock's label), I was actually a little disappointed. These "new" songs, just didn't seem as sharp and powerful as they did coming from the stage of Friends & Co. or Cowboy Monkey.

So I gave these aforementioned characteristics of the new release some thought - and also remembered those shows found me with a pint of Leinenkugel's or Pabst in my hand - and concluded my altered states may have helped give the live versions the extra umph. I was expecting too much, any great band always sounds better live anyway.

What first drew me toward the Blackouts' sound was an indescribable crunch that very few bands can deliver - chalk it up to guitarist and frontman Steve Ucherek's vintage Rickenstein guitar or Joe Prokop's vast array of pedals. While Ucherek's lyrics always flowed well with the band's music and their bridges to refrains always seem to be perfectly timed, I had a hard time reciting - or really listening to - even one lyric of



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BLACKOUTS

The Blackouts' latest "Living in Blue" continues the Urbana-based band's legacy, but pales compared to the group's raucous live shows.

any of the new songs. And that's one place where "Living in Blue" succeeds in a big way: giving fans a better understanding of the feeling behind the crunch.

An example of this is the lead-off track, "Something ... I Can't Say," which is, in my opinion, one of the band's favorites and a staple of their live performances. But what Ucherek sang over those rifling dueling guitars and Mark Schroder's frantic, but controlled, beat was news to me. Even the high-note "when you're looking for something" makes more sense now in the flow of the song.

"The Games that Play Us" is, for the most part, an instrumental that features sections of varied tempo. This is the song that had me tapping my foot to the beat all

week long during class.

Last May at Mike & Molly's, Schroder told me about his affinity for surf music. I mention this because influences have a way of sneaking into songs. And in the case of "Fire in the Pouring Rain," it's the intro that sounds like it could have come from a Link Wray greatest hits package. Otherwise, the song seems to be a metaphor for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

As you get into the middle of the album you encounter "No Tomorrow," which the band released as a college radio single - isn't that an oxymoron? The track is solid, but is not my favorite on the album.

"Leaving on the Next Train" highlights Schroder's drum work

and features a couple intriguing tempo changes.

The b-side is highlighted by "Pink Fuzz Blues" and "Where it Begins." The former lets Prokop experiment, while Ucherek sings of a woman who captivated his mind. The latter starts out in an instrumental fashion, but a swirling-guitar breakdown arrives midway through the song.

The Blackouts were dealt a blow to their hopes of being the next band from CU that makes a splash outside the Midwest, when their vintage gear (with the exception of Schroder's kit) was stolen out of their van while playing a show in Monticello.

Reportedly they were able to replace the original set of equipment with some comparable vintage gear, but many bands would have difficulty recovering from such a setback. It'll be interesting to see how the CU community, who has seen this band evolve before its very eyes, takes to "Blue." The combination of those underlying elements may dictate if the Blackouts will be mentioned in the same breath with Hum or Braid five years from now or if they will just be another good band from Central Illinois.

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Smith's latest from Jersey, one sweet 'Girl'

By Ben Erwin
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Smith — he is the New Jersey amateur who broke into cinema with the foul-mouthed indie hit "Clerks," ventured into unconventional romance with "Chasing Amy" and received a death threat for the religious comedy "Dogma" — writes a love letter to his daughter with the sweet but sometimes schmaltzy "Jersey Girl."

Conceived as a Valentine's Day gift for his wife, Jen, "Jersey Girl" began as a way for Smith to deal with his burgeoning role as a father. The film ultimately serves as both a note to his daughter and a nod to his father, who passed away during pre-production of the film. And although "Jersey" sports a PG-13 rating, it maintains Smith's tongue-twisting dialogue and ribald sensibility, while adding a sometimes sickening sweetness and a few twists on old plot conventions.

The film begins as Ollie Trinke (Ben Affleck), a slick New York publicist, finds himself raising a daughter alone after wife Gertie (Jennifer Lopez) dies during childbirth. Balancing the stresses of work and fatherhood, Ollie is fired after making an off-color remark directed toward Will Smith. Heartbroken and out of a job, Ollie moves back to Highland, N.J., to live with his grizzled father Bart (George Carlin).

Flash forward seven years and Ollie's daughter, Gertie, is growing up. Ollie, demure, but witty, hypersexual and overly honest Maya. While Tyler is often relegated to simply a pretty face on-screen, Smith gives her character some real material and she gladly runs



Ben Affleck (left) chats with daughter Gertie (right) at the breakfast table in one scene of Kevin Smith's latest, "Jersey Girl." While the film is a departure for Smith, "Jersey Girl" is a touching story of fatherhood.

resume his former career and lifestyle.

After years of celibacy, Ollie meets video store clerk Maya (Liv Ullmann) as Gertie raids the kids' flicks and he sneaks into the adult section. A romance quickly blossoms despite Ollie's faith to Lopez's Gertie.

Tyler is Ollie's perfect foil as the cute and demure, but witty, hypersexual and overly honest Maya. While Tyler is often relegated to simply a pretty face on-screen, Smith gives her character some real material and she gladly runs

with it.

While Smith is often criticized for his, let's say, colorful language and the supposed dreary look of his films, most of the vulgarity is nowhere in sight and "Jersey" plays out beautifully at the hands of Oscar award-winning cinematographer Vilmos Zsigmond.

The aforementioned performance, likewise, receive an upgrade. While it is not much to say "Jersey Girl" is Ben Affleck's best performance in years (especially in the wake of stinkers like "Bounce," "Reindeer Games,"

"Gigli" and others), both he and Lopez pull off the role of a doting couple rather convincingly. Even Carlin, known to most as one of the funniest men to ever live, shows a genuine talent for acting and plays the aging father perfectly.

This is not to say "Jersey Girl" completely rises above its genre, however.

Some of the film's scenes play out like tired single-father sitcoms, and a bit of the music is overdone. It's sometimes tough not to cringe as Ollie visits Gertie's grave while Fleetwood Mac's "Landslide" plays

or as Bruce Springsteen's "City in Ruins" overwhelms one scene. Smith even utilizes the plot contrivance of the school play, so often used in films like "About a Boy," "Love Actually" and "Uptown Girls." But he overcomes cliché with style.

Shouts of "sell-out" have been heard since the plot of this film was announced, but "Jersey Girl" is far more about growing up than it is about selling out to a mainstream audience. While it would be fun to see Smith stay in his fancifully-crafted and hilarious world of comic books, video games, rooftop hockey and superhero post-coital foodcourt debates, it would only be a matter of time before the private joke so many were in on became fit for the masses.

As mainstream debuts go, "Jersey Girl" is about as good as anyone could have hoped for from Smith; in fact, it's much better than I could have expected from a man who taught me the meaning of the word "snowballing" and the virtues of topless fortune telling to an unsuspecting world.

"Jersey Girl" may not have nearly as many four-syllable cuss words as "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" or "Clerks," but what it lacks in vulgarity and Smith's iconoclastic humor it more than makes up for with genuine heart and emotion.

Latest 'Rainbow Six' a step forward to franchise

By David Thill
STAFF WRITER

Once in a blue moon, a successful game series will spawn — for better lack of a term — an embarrassing installment. Many of your favorites have done it: Mario had "Mario's Time Machine," "Resident Evil" had "Resident Evil: Dead Aim" and "Mega Man" had "Mega Man Legends."

However, the flip side of that is the fact numerous bad game series have found a way to pick themselves up by the boot straps and turn in a sound title, such as "Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six 3."

The "Rainbow Six" series places the player in the shoes of an anti-terrorism unit and is given missions that, apparently, no one else in the world can accomplish.

"Rainbow Six" first made its

debut on PC before making the leap to the Nintendo 64 and Playstation systems, which inspired lukewarm reviews and even colder reception by the public.

That game featured jagged graphics, stilted gameplay, non-interactive environments and artificial intelligence that made Forrest Gump look like Stephen Hawking.

The second installment of the series was released on PC and the Dreamcast system, and it boasted few advancements in the gameplay or variety in missions.

But, there is hope for the franchise. From the ashes of Tom Clancy's seemingly failure of a game series comes "Rainbow Six 3."

The newest installment does little less than impress the player by leaping light years ahead

of its predecessors.

"Rainbow Six 3" allows the player to link up numerous Xbox systems and play with your friends side by side, or one can jump on the Xbox Live system and play against foes all across the nation. The Playstation 2 version of the game can also be played online. Of course, if all else fails, one can simply go it alone on the campaign option.

If the gameplay of the previous titles was that of an infant, the gameplay for "RS 3" is all grown-up.

Unlike the earlier versions of the game, you can give your virtual team of anti-terrorist specialists actual orders they carry out with relative competence.

The graphics have taken such amazing bounds the game has come to the point where the line between reality and fantasy is

"Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six 3"

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blurred to translucence.

Faces look lifelike, and the movements of characters are not as awkward as other games in similar genres.

Even better is an inspiring variety of missions, to say the least.

One may be rescuing hostages in a Swiss village at one point and disarming a bomb at a meat-packing plant in Maine at another.

The difficulty may take some aback at first, but with a little tweaking of settings and some good of fashion game determination, it is a fun game all around and a good buy.



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Appeasing the angry drunk stomach: grease wins

By Julie Bourque
CAMPUS REPORTER

It's 2 a.m., following a night of drinking and your stomach is growling. It cannot be tamed unless it is fed. Chances are, the next move you'll make is a step through LaBamba's door or a phone call to either Chubby's Pizza or Jimmy John's.

Many students crave some type of food after a night of drinking.

"I almost always get Chubby's cheese sticks," Matt Carlstrom, a social science major and president of Sigma Nu, said. "If I don't get Chubby's, then I usually don't get anything."

Alicia Wroblewski, a junior marketing major and Alpha Phi president, said, contrary to her sorority sisters' choices of LaBamba's, she usually craves pizza or Jimmy John's after a night of drinking.

"A lot of the girls in my sorority like LaBamba's, but I usually crave cheese pizza," Wroblewski said. "If I don't get pizza though, we will come back to our apartment and eat animal crackers and peanut butter."

Leon Hall, Chubby's pizza store manager, said seven out of 10 students ordering after midnight are drunk and 70 percent of their orders are for cheese sticks.

"The majority of our business

comes in from 10 p.m. to close, both on weekdays and weekends," Hall said. "We have to bring in extra drivers though for the weekend because we just get popped during those peak hours."

Hall said they deliver to and take orders from people under several conditions.

"It's a crazy out there, to tell you the truth," Hall said. "You name it, and it has

probably happened. I've delivered to people who are naked, reckless and even throwing up."

The food of choice may vary from person to person, but the hunger is inevitable.

Though the stomach may beg to differ, this hunger after a night of drinking is

simply a sensation caused by the inability to feed full, Traci Fricling, Eastern's nutrition education coordinator, said.

"Initially alcohol works as an appetite suppressant, but after a couple of drinks it becomes an appetite stimulant," Fricling said. "Along with your motor skills being affected, your appetite becomes affected as well; you lose sensation to how hungry you are because (the alcohol) suppresses the feelings of being full."

Fricling said a student may feel the need to eat because alcohol becomes a stimulant and causes dehydration. "You have that feeling that you are hungry because alcohol dehydrates you, and you have very little liquid left in your stomach," Fricling said. "Even though you have had enough calories for the day, and you do not need to eat, the dehydration and the stimulant in alcohol makes you feel hungry."

One option in avoiding the unnecessary calories and taming the wild sounds of hunger is to consume water or a non-caffeinated, non-alcoholic drink before, during and after drinking alcohol, as well as eating a balanced meal before going out, Fricling said.

Most students, Fricling said, do

"I've delivered to people who are naked, reckless and even throwing up."

—Leon Hall, Chubby's Pizza manager

not eat a well-balanced meal before drinking because they feel the calories from their alcohol will account for the meal they have missed.

"Typically you want to make sure you have something in your stomach before you start drinking, something that will stay in your stomach longer and takes a little longer to digest," Fricling said. "Fats, proteins and complex carbohydrates are all good things to eat before drinking, and they will help prevent alcohol poisoning, too."

If unnecessary eating during the same night of drinking is not a problem, but eating too much the next day is, Fricling said pizza, sandwiches, fruits and vegetables are all good selections.

"The main thing is keeping your food balanced and moderated," Fricling said. "If you are overeating after a night of drinking, the calories and fat can really add up fast."

Tape of boy yawning at Bush spawns CNN confusion

NEW YORK (AP)—What began on David Letterman's "Late Show" as a comedy bit needling President Bush turned into a comedy of errors when CNN incorrectly reported that the White House had cried foul.

Then Letterman only heightened the confusion. The whole thing started during a collection of video clips Letterman showed Monday under the label "George W. Bush Investigates America's Youth."

One showed Bush at a March rally in Orlando, Fla., standing at a lectern with several listeners behind him.

While Bush spoke, the young man yawned, twisted his head, checked his watch and generally looked dead on his feet.

Tuesday morning, CNN attempted to lighten its news mood by running the segment, credited to CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman," on its "CNN Live Today."

Then CNN host Daryn Kagan added: "We're being told by the White House that the kid, as funny as he was, was called into this video, which would explain why the people around him weren't really reacting."

Later, during CNN's "Live From ..." anchor Kym Phillips reran the tape but cautioned viewers: "We're told that the kid was there at that event, but not necessarily standing behind the president."

The truth was: The White House never complained, and the footage was real.

On Tuesday night, Letterman aired Kagan's and Phillips' skeptical remarks and ranted: "An out-and-out, 100 percent absolute lie. The kid absolutely was there and he absolutely was doing everything we pictured via the videotape."

"So when you cast your vote in November," he urged, "just remember that the White House was trying to make ME look like a DOPE."

By then, CNN had owned up to its mistake, and placed a call to Letterman's New York headquarters before the 5:30 p.m. taping began. The tape was already rolling before Letterman got the word.

"According to this," he said during the show, referring to an index card in his grasp, "CNN has just phoned and ... the anchorman mispoke. They never got a comment from the White House. It was a CNN mistake."

So then he knew: "Now I've called the White House liars, and you know what that means — they're going to start looking into my taxes!"

"So when you cast your vote in November, just remember The White House was trying to make ME look like a DOPE."

—David Letterman

The Drapes deliver gem with 'Swollen'

By Holly Henschen
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

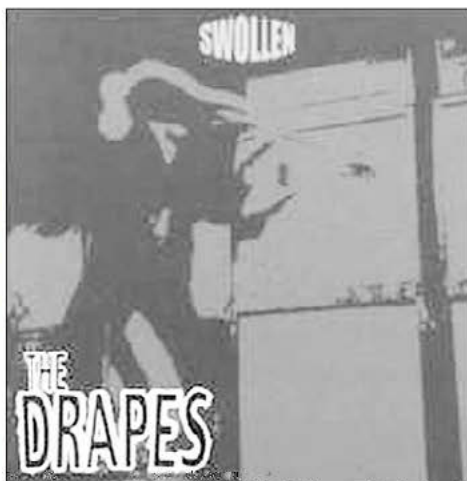
If Kurt Cobain had never died, gotten hooked on antidepressants and moved to Chicago to start a three-piece, it would have to sound similar to The Drapes. The band cranks out punkass, blues-tinged grunge on its second release "Swollen," one of few worthy, non-rip off comparisons to the late great Nirvana.

"Swollen," the follow-up to 2002's "Shine On, Sweetheart," on Orange Records and Lucid Records respectively, has enough energy to make an acid trip seem like a sugar high. The Drapes songs are well developed and stretch farther than the traditional punk-pop standard. It's almost as if the band is in a contest to see how long the others can keep playing. The winner, though, turns out to be the listener.

"Miss You," a heartfelt rant, begins with a twinkley, music box-inspired verse before breaking into a crispy, crunchy powerhouse chorus. The Drapes then shift back to intro and out of the verse without batting an eye.

The title track "Swollen" is about as distorted as blues can get. It conjures images of a band going wild on the drooping porch of a two-room shack. The album's tenth and final track, though untitled, stands out as the most hushed endeavor in the collection. The Drapes' spirit still shines through, as McDonough croons "We'll use the windows for pillows."

Guitarist Kevin McDonough's stripped down style transcends four power chord tunes. McDonough sprinkles the songs with solos, and also offers delightfully grave vocals. It sounds like he can't clear his throat to expel the cheese grater that is permanently lodged there, where it belongs.



"Swollen"
The Drapes
Grade: B

Of course this leads to slurred and unintelligible lyrics. Syrupy-sweet backup vocals courtesy of bassist Andra Jablonski caress the ear before it gets hit with sounds like a snowball full of rocks. The mosh-worthy vibe is accentuated by drummer

Bob Spellbrings tear-in timekeeping. Keeping up with winding bass and guitar duo is a full-time job, and he carries it out masterfully. The band vacillates between pop fervor and punk anxiety, creating a satisfying equilibrium of sound. The Drapes are an upstate import that occasionally grace the stage of Friends & Co. If you want to hang with The Drapes, check out Chicago bar The Hideout, where both Jablonski and McDonough are employed.

Ashton Kutcher to return with new 'Punk'd'

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Curse you, Ashton Kutcher for your lying, cheating, punk-ing ways!

On Thursday, MTV announced that Kutcher and his celebrity prank show "Punk'd" will return to the network with a new season. In December, Kutcher said the program was finished.

"This is not an April Fools joke," MTV spokeswoman Vanessa Reyes said.

But, but ... what about a few months ago, when Kutcher promised the world he was all punk'd out? Was he just lying to everybody?

"Yes, he was," Reyes said.

When Kutcher announced an end to the series after two seasons in December, The Associated Press pointed out the possibility that the announcement was a trick aimed at duping new celebrity prank victims into complacency.

At the time, a page on MTV's Web site announced the end of season two with this message: "But don't worry, the new season starts in March."

"Turns out it actually starts in April, but in this tangle of lies, who's counting?"

Here's what Kutcher told The Associated Press in January:

"I've become the boy who cried wolf," he acknowledged, offering some assurance that his decision to end the show after two seasons isn't just another hoax.

"Let's put it this way," he said. "I'm getting ready to start shooting two movies, I'm still working on 'That '70s Show,' I'm producing two other shows for MTV and creating a one-hour drama pilot for Fox ... I don't have the time."

Liar.

Anyway, "Punk'd" returns to MTV on Sunday, April 25.

Unless Kutcher gets eaten by a wolf in the meantime.



(Left) Blues Traveler vocalist and harmonica virtuoso John Popper belts out a tune Tuesday night in Champaign. Popper was noticeably lighter onstage after undergoing gastric bypass surgery two years ago. (Right) Popper and guitarist Chan Kinchla jam through one of more than 15 songs played throughout the band's two-plus hour set. The band's latest record is "Truth Be Told."



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN HAAS

Popper lost weight, but not his voice

By Ben Erwin
STAFF WRITER

Blues Traveler vocalist John Popper isn't known by many as the Hendrix of harmonica for nothing.

Formed in Princeton, N.J., in 1993, Blues Traveler has built its reputation on kinetic jamming and a frenetic live show, and this simple but effective formula hasn't changed in 20 years. And although Blues Traveler's days of headlining stadiums or closing the H.O.R.D.E. tour may be behind the band, Popper and company again proved why they're one of the best jam-based blues bands on the planet March 30 in Champaign.

Opening the evening's show was California country rockers Shurman. With tunes about staples of women, liquor and partying, Shurman was one part country, two parts rock and all fun, as the band jammed its way through an all-too-short set, smiling all the while.

The fact the crowd may have been unfamiliar with the group didn't stop vocalist and rhythm guitarist Aaron Heavers from throwing himself into convulsions and slamming away at his Fender Telecaster, while winning the crowd over with a commanding stage presence and liberal doses of humor.

And while the crowd eventually warmed to the California rockers, it was evident all those in attendance were eagerly awaiting the return of Blues Traveler. In a two-plus-hour set that rarely paused, the band never disappointed.

Twisting and turning through crowd favorites like "Hook," "But Anyway" and "Sweet and Broken," the band blissfully turned each tune around and sideways. Building each verse and then tearing each song to its root only to build it back up again, much of the show was a musical tour de force of sheer virtuosity.

Blues Traveler may be known best as a jam band, but each of the group's members have incredible prowess over his respective instrument.

While Popper's proclivity for intricate solos is well-known, the rest of the band rarely gets its due. Lead guitarist Chan Kinchla can shred with the best virtuosos, as his finger-tapped licks combine blistering speed and beautiful melody. Likewise, bassist Tad Kinchla's slick walking basslines often belie the fact he can improvise with style and melody when given a solo.

Although the top 40 hits aren't coming for the band anymore, Blues Traveler has again restaked its claim as a leader in the genre of blues jamming.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHEN HAAS

Bassist Tad Kinchla slams away on an electric, upright bass during an extended jam during Blues Traveler's show Tuesday. Kinchla replaced Bobby Sheehan in 1999.



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Guitarist Chan Kinchla tears into a solo on a vintage Gibson Firebird V. Kinchla traded between the Firebird and a flame-maple topped Paul Reed Smith during the set.

GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING

Living small in a big world

There are those that may call it a "Napoleon Complex," and some call it "Short Man's Syndrome." I, however, call it a cruel twist of fate that I am forced to be a short man in a tall man's world.

Yes, I admit it, openly and unashamedly, I am a short man. Don't worry I am not that type of short that is frightening and creepy, just slightly shorter than most people. 5-feet 7-inches of shortness, to be exact.

The truth is, being a short man is a god-awful torment that burns in a fiery pit at the very heart of my soul.

◆ Short men have an even shorter fuse

Most people have a rational and grown-up way of looking at their surroundings, but not the short man, my friend. The short man wakes up in the morning, rubs the sleep out of his eyes, takes a look around and thinks to himself, "Who's out to get me today?"

The short man always seems to have an irrational desire to find out who is going to screw him over every day. It's kind of like the chicken hawk from the old Foghorn Leghorn cartoons.

◆ Short guys never get the lady

This is one of the sadder aspects of being



by David Thill
STAFF WRITER

short. The truth is that most girls like only guys that are taller than they, so short men get left out in the cold in this department. Us short dudes are left with two options: date a dwarf (i.e. vertically challenged) or trust that their personality will shine through to will over the lady. But, let's be honest, short guys are all mean and angry and don't have the greatest personalities, so the truth of it is that short guys don't get girls...ever...except for blind ones that can't tell we are using Romper-Stompers to appear taller.

◆ Short guys are long-winded

For some reason, unexplainable to anyone, short men feel the need to have bigger mouths than anyone. Believe me, it's true. Short men will spew their beliefs and opinions until the sun comes up, and they don't care if you listen or not. Even worse, short men will talk an unimaginable amount of smack to everyone, especially those larger than them. This kind of goes back to the chicken hawk reference I made earlier.

Short men will walk with their chests thrust forward and arms out to the side as though they are some sort of creature in the wild, and puffing themselves up will intimidate someone that may be infringing upon their watering hole. It's sad, really.

◆ Short men always look younger, and thus are treated as such

As if men weren't fiery enough at this age, people always assume short guys are younger than they actually are. "Ah, a short boy, how cute! Are you out of your diapers, yet? Can you ride a bike? Eating solids, yet?" It is enraging for a short man to have his age questioned, but it happens all the damn time! My first day on campus, I walked into class and someone honestly asked if high school students were allowed to sit in on classes...that's not cool...in any universe. And as frustrating as it is, it will always happen. Short men will always have their age questioned. I will probably be 75 and wheeling around a nursing home and someone will most likely come up to me and ask if I have lost my mommy. "No I haven't lost my mommy, you insolent whelp! Now get me some padding, for I am old and short!"

It sucks, but it is true: it is a tall man's world, and I am just living in it.

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